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SUBJECT: REFUGEE SECTION

FOR AMBASSADOR AND DCM FROM WILSON

1. DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL PAROLE ALLOCATION FOR REFUGEES REMAINING IN THAILAND WHO ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER EXISTING PAROLE CRITERIA. THE OUTLOOK IS STILL UNCERTAIN BUT THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO OBTAIN THIS ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.

2. IN LIGHT OF THIS, THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE BEING DETAILED TO YOUR REFUGEE SECTION. FSO LIONEL A. ROSENBLATT, WHO WILL BE REPLACING KUNIHOLM AS SECTION CHIEF AND
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FSR STEVE C. SHEPLEY, THE DEPUTY (VICE HUXTABLE) SHOULD

GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND STABILITY FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS IN YOUR REFUGEE WORK. WITH BOTH FIELD AND WASHINGTON BACK-GROUND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY ASSIST YOU TO IDENTIFY THOSE REFUGEES WHO MIGHT MOVE FORWARD UNDER ANY ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY. THIS EFFORT SHOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AS IT IS TIME-CONSUMING, PARTICULARLY FOR CATEGORY 3 HIGH RISK REFUGEES. FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR TRANSPORTATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 1976.

3. IN ADDITION TO PREPARING FOR THE PROCESSING AND SCREENING OF ELIGIBLE REFUGEES TO BE ADMITTED TO US UNDER POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL PAROLE AUTHORITY, ROSENBLATT AND SHEPLEY SHOULD IN CONCERT WITH EMBASSY STAFF, BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN DIALOGUE WITH THAI AND UNHCR AT THE WORKING LEVEL WITH REGARD TO PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT FOR THE BULK OF THE REFUGEES IN THAILAND. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED REPORTING ON THE UNHCR EFFORTS BOTH IN THE EXISTING CAMPS AND TOWARD THE OBJECTIVE OF LONG TERM RESETTLEMENT.

4. ROSENBLATT AND SHEPLEY WILL ARRIVE THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. ARRIVAL TIME WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE ADMINISTRATIVE/SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL TO FILL EXISTING GAPS ON TDY BASIS: MICHAEL W. CARR - ADMINISTRATIVE AND STATISTICAL; JOY POTEET - SECRETARY; ALICE CAMPBELL - SECRETARY. THESE PERSONNEL WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY AFTER ROSENBLATT AND SHEPLEY ARE IN PLACE, ARRIVAL TIME TO FOLLOW. KISSINGER

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